GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ZUDPI JUNGLE LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zudpi-jungle land in Maharashtra was earlier belonged to the Revenue Department;

(b) if so, whether in Amravati Division of Maharashtra, the Zudpi-jungle land still belongs to the revenue Department;

(c) if so, whether the Zudpi-jungle land in Nagpur Division of Maharashtra, is shown as property of Forest Department and the Forest Department is having its claim over it;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to hand over the Zudpi-jungle land in Nagpur Division in Maharashtra to the Revenue Department like Zudpi-jungle land in Amravati division in Maharashtra; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) The Zudpi jungle land, falling in the five districts of Maharashtra namely Bhandara, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Nagpur and Wardha belonged to the Revenue Department and still continues to be with the Revenue Department. However, provisions of the Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 is applicable over such lands as they are classified as `forest` in the revenue records. State Government requires prior approval of this Ministry under the Act, in case it is to be diverted for non-forestry purposes. Ministry, while according approval, stipulates that such Zudpi lands which have been offered for compensatory afforestation, should be transferred to the Forest Department for notifying as Reserved Forest/Protected Forest under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.